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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED
Information

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1. Prior to 1 December 1954, the Kavallerie Schule [] in Krampnitz was occupied by 4,000 to 5,000 soldiers. Training concentrated on fatigue duty and maintenance work on tanks and the firing range. On 18 and 27 November, approximately 300 soldiers left for field training in the training area. On 18 November, 24 sidecar motorcycles [] were seen during a vehicle inspection. Between 18 November and 1 December, T-34 tanks [] 1 JS-3 tank [] and JS-3 tank [] were seen leaving for the training area.¹

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2. On 18 November, two tanks of a new type were seen in a shed. The tanks had a chassis similar to that of a T-34 tank, 5 bogie wheels without track-supporting rollers, and a drive wheel in the rear. The tanks had a van-like superstructure and a length of 6 to 7 meters and a width of approximately 3.5 meters. The entrance for the driver was in front of the turret, immediately under the gun barrel. The gun had a conical barrel, between 3 and 3.5 meters long, slim and without muzzle brake. It had an estimated caliber of 85 to 100 mm. The turrets were covered by tarpaulins and they appeared to be turtle-shaped. Eight officers and 12 to 15 soldiers apparently engaged in the adjustment of the guns. At about 1400, the tanks moved to the tank sheds on Reiterdamm.
3. On 20, 22, 23 and 25 November, 4 tanks of the new type left the installation through the northern gate and proceeded toward the training area. The tank turrets were covered by tarpaulins. The tanks were occupied by unusually high number of officers.²

1. [] Comment. It is believed that the occupation strength is underestimated. the Kavallerie Schule in Krampnitz was occupied by approximately 10,000 soldiers.

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2. [] Comment. This type of tank is observed there for the first time.

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